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Economic Comm. investigates rejection of mine proposal

Galway-Cavendish council has rejected a proposal to mine vermiculite. The objection is based on the contention that Cavendish wouldn't benefit from the mine.

The Haliburton County Economic Development Commission will meet with Somerville Township council to initiate an investigation into the mining of Vermiculite. A year ago a deposit of vermiculite was found near Kinmount. This greyish substance can be used for insulation, according to Glen Hodgson, member of the commission and former Victoria-Haliburton MPP.

He stated that the commission's concern was that mining this substance would utilize the Lindsay-Haliburton CN railway line. He related second to tourism, natural resources were the largest economic resource in Haliburton and required viable transit.

Mr. Hodgson indicated that while the vermiculite deposit is in Victoria County, he didn't have any idea as to how rich the deposit is or what had to be done to mine it. This, he said, has to be investigated.

He stated that he had enlisted the support of both the provincial and federal members of parliament for Victoria-Haliburton. There will be public meetings if it is viable and support from the provincial and federal members would be based on benefits to the area. All the aspects of mining it have not as yet been assessed.

Mr. Hodgson also commented on the large limestone deposit between Cobocok and Burnt River that would need the railroad if mined.

3800 damage as pickups collide on curve near Kennisis Lake

MINDEN — It was a relatively quiet week for the OPP the last seven days, but the staff did investigate 44 general occurrences, six reportable collisions, one break in and charged three persons with impaired driving.

In three of the motor vehicle collisions, police report two drivers charged and more than \$5,700 in damages have been set.

George Godfrey 59, of Huntsville was charged with impaired driving, following a single vehicle accident last Monday on Highway 121. Godfrey was eastbound in a pickup at 8:40 pm, entered the south ditch and rolled onto its side. Damage was set at \$1,000 to the vehicle. PC Buchanan.

On Wednesday afternoon at about 12:45 pm, \$950 was set in damages to a car and van. Margaret Dunoudon 20, of Haliburton was northbound on St. Peters Road near Maple Lake in her car and Joe Banks 21, also of Haliburton was southbound in a van. The two collided on a curve. Police report Banks as being charged with failing to share half the roadway. PC Solway.

A two vehicle collision Friday afternoon at 2:50 pm resulted in some \$3800 in damages when Dennis Byers 33, of Haliburton was northbound on County Road 7 near Kennisis Lake, and Clarence Sellers 52, of Scarborough was southbound, both driving pickup trucks, when they collided on a curve. Police report no charges laid and the Byers truck damaged for \$2,500. PC Legge.

RUMOURS ARE FALSE SAY OPP

The Minden Detachment of the OPP released the following statement to the press on Monday:



Zone Champions in National Classified

CARNARVON — On Sunday afternoon at the lanes here, the National Classified Bowling championship Zone finals were rolled. Four teams competed from Carnarvon, Fenelon Falls and Peterborough. Leading the team to the regional finals in Port Hope on March 30th will be two

fine Carnarvon newcomers, Al Couture and Neil Jackson. They will be joined by three Fenelon Falls top notch bowlers, Tom Bartlett, Ken Mills and Bill Korz. Complete results are on this week's sports page.

PL expansion is given OK by AHM council last Wednesday

MINDEN — The fourth meeting of Anson, Hindon and Minden council was held on Wednesday evening at the municipal chambers in Minden. The three hour meeting covered a variety of subjects, including discussion of the municipalities 1980 road budget with the Ministry of Transportation and Communications representative, Don Glashan.

Council was assured by Mr. Glashan that the MTC would assist in reviewing the road program draft budget with council, prior to the March 31st, 1980 deadline. Development roads and the availability of supplementary funds were also discussed with the MTC rep.

Mr. Daniel Lang attended council to present a proposal for an expansion to the Peterborough Lumber building. Mr. Lang also requested permission to change the use of the property. Council then went into the Committee of the Whole to discuss the PL proposal by Mr. Lang.

When they returned to the regular business of the meeting, the following resolution was passed: — "that a building permit be issued to Daniel Lang Development Limited for the proposal presented to expand the present Peterborough Lumber Limited building situate on part Lot-1, Con. 2, Township of Minden by adding 5,000 square feet to the building provided that by-law 14-67 as amended is complied with. And further that all future expansions, additions or change in use shall first be approved by council. Councillors' Stuart Brandon and Lyle McKnight declared an interest and refrained from voting on this resolution. This approval is subject to the approval of the MTC requirements. A nay vote was registered by S. G. Nesbitt but councillor Len Lonsbury and deputy-reeve Douglas Pritchard, carried

"Rumours circulating the Haliburton County area in regards to various charges relating to Mr. and/or Mrs. Larry Medley of Haliburton, have no basis in fact. There is absolutely no truth to the stories."

the vote.

Council appointed the 1980 fire wardens for the municipality at this meeting: General area, Earl Kent, Albert Cox and Richard Schell; Fire Chief, Wm Jackson; Brady Lake, Allen Austin; Carnarvon, H. Burton; Pine Springs, Harvey Barnhart; Bethel area, Bruce Nesbitt and Hwy. 121 and Ingoldsby, Gordon Darby.

Council accepted the quotation from Ron Murock to supply and install carpet and vinyl in the municipal offices for the sum of \$1,024.34.

Eakins says Metric protests should be directed to Province

MPP John Eakins says he feels there are some metric misunderstandings which should be cleared up.

"The Township of Brock has circulated correspondence to various councils asking for support for the deferment of any further implementation of the metric system and while the accent of these resolutions are directed to the federal government I feel municipal councils should also be expressing their view to the provincial government, Mr. Eakins said.

The Victoria-Haliburton provincial member added that "while the United States is mentioned in the resolution, it should be pointed out that the metric co-ordinator in the US points to Canada as an example of how to implement the program. I have no doubt that the implementation of the program deserves some review and some change to ensure its acceptability and understanding by the public. Perhaps in some areas the implementation has moved too quickly.

"I have advised municipal councils and would advise individuals to share their views not only with the federal government but with the Government of Ontario through the Ministry of Industry and Tourism. This ministry has set up a special section called the Metric and Standards Secretariat, and the Provincial co-ordinator is Mr. D. E. Holland, 5th floor, Hearst Block, Queen's Park. The Chief of Metric Conversion and Standards for Ontario is Mr. R. C. Whyte of the same address.

TRAVEL SECTION

Bermuda

Text by M. BLAIS

When flying to Bermuda, a glance through the plane's window, a few minutes before landing, will reveal to you a preview of the beauty of this enchanting resort. These islands seem to be surrounded by a coral wall in the middle of a huge emerald sea. The trip from the airport to the hotel will confirm your first impressions. You will enjoy looking at the foliage, cacti, trees in bloom, palm trees, the houses painted in various pastel shades of pink, yellow, lilac and the large lawns with lovely multi-colored flowers. Everywhere you go you can breathe in the peace of cleanliness which will help you enjoy that first contact with the islands.

Three hundred islands

Bermuda is a group of 300 islands which roughly a score is inhabited. It was discovered in 1515 by the Spanish navigator Juan Bermudez. In 1609, Admiral Sir George Somers's ship, on his way to Virginia, was hit by a gale and shipwrecked on one of the Northern islands in the West Indies. His crew established an outpost there and, three years later, formed the Bermuda Company to colonize the country. It is very strange that they never found a native or any trace of previous occupation. Bathed in the warm water of the Gulf Stream, the climate allows the fig and citrus trees to grow wild throughout the islands.

St. George is the oldest city. It was founded in 1612 and was the Capital until 1815 when it was transferred to Hamilton.

Bermuda by motorbike

To be in Bermuda without a motorbike is almost unthinkable, it would be like an eskimo without a dog sled. It is the most practical and cheapest way to see the sights.

Its 21 square miles are covered by 100 miles of narrow winding roads which were built originally for the use of bicycles and horse-drawn carts. Motor transportation is permitted, only since 1946, and the speed limit is 20 m. p.h.

The motorbike is the ideal mode of transport. It gives you a wide open view to the enchanting scenery alongside the promenade, and you can stop whenever you wish.

The town of St. George, situated on the Island bearing the same name, is worth an extended visit through its streets. Make sure to notice its old houses



and visit the Tucker museum that will bring you back to the origins of Bermuda. From there you cross St. David Island, bypass the airport, to through Castel Harbour and head south; you can stop to look at the "Crystal Cave" and "LEamington Cave" limestone caverns. If you keep going south you will see the two famous Castle Harbour Club and Mid Ocean Club, golf courses, the Devil's Hole where you can see turtles, multicoloured fish and sharks, swimming leisurely together. The nearby bird sanctuary and the botanical gardens should add a few hours of enjoyment to your ride.

The road heading West is

lined with all kinds of floral vegetation that offers a heavenly view to flower lovers. When you reach the high roads you can admire miles and miles of pink sand beaches. Further on you come to the highest point of your ride, Gibbs Hill Lighthouse. It sits on a 245 foot elevation and offers the best overall view of Bermuda. Your next stop should be at Ely's Harbour near the village of Somerset. It's a rendez-vous spot for fishermen and sailboat lovers, and also a captivating corner of the island.

A quick tour of Somerset and its boutiques, restaurants and the military museum at the tip of Ireland island should be a very nice way to complete your visit of Bermuda.

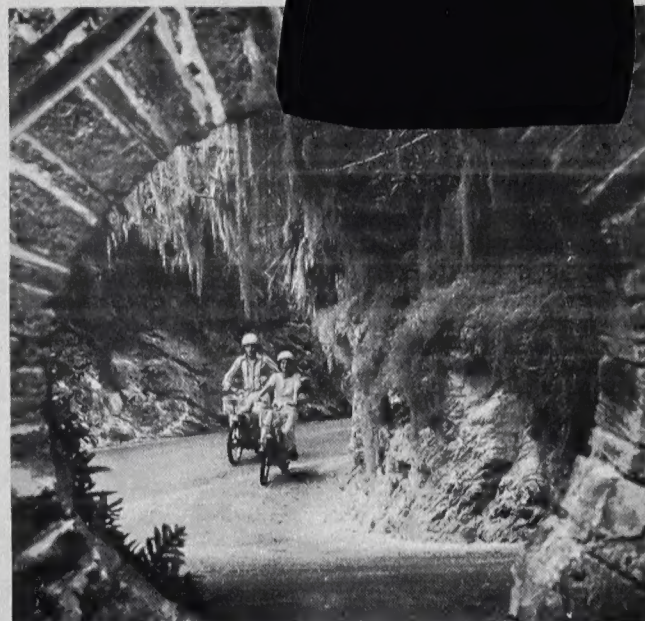
Hamilton

Hamilton, capital of Bermuda, is a city that is enjoyed by its countless visitors. It is situated in the center of the Island and offers a large variety of interest to the tourist. You will see the cathedral, the art gallery; the Post Office, built in the 19th century; the Session House, the oldest overseas parliament building etc. It boasts the finest market place in the world to satisfy the needs of the shopping enthusiasts.

Antique furniture

Early settlers had to make their own furniture and in doing so, they developed their own Bermudian style. According to Colin Cooke, a local appraiser in Flatt Village, you can still find a quantity of highly valued antiques around the island.

At first it was a very primitive style but, with time, evolution, and experience, they reached their culmination with Queen Anne style then started to decline, largely due to imported furniture that became a status symbol. You still can find some of that beautiful cedars furniture on display at the St. George's Historical Society Museum.



A motorbike ride in search of enchanting scenery. (Photos Bermuda News Bureau).



Hamilton Harbour.

Scuba diving invitation

Golf, tennis, horseback riding and motorcycling are certainly very popular sports in Bermuda, but scuba diving is rapidly attracting more and more enthusiasts every year.

Two well-known names, Dave McLeod and Kevin Burke, with twenty years experience, organized sea safaris. Their two diving schools are aiming at the same thing, that is, to promote the security of

scuba diving to the beginners.

McLeod's favorite spot is North-West of the island where the "Constellation" sank in 1943. That is one of the 400 ships that were sunk since the 15th century. The Constellation was sailing toward Venezuela under the American Flag, carrying a load of cosmetics, medical supplies, cement, glassware and, believe it not, yo-yos. You can well imagine the fun the divers have looking

through those tons of various commodities searching for a treasure souvenir to bring back home.

The ideal condition are attracting more than 10,000 divers every year to Bermuda. The Bermuda Tourist Department maintains an office at 2 Bloor St., Toronto, Ontario, to supply you with all the informations you might need to make your visit to those islands a most agreeable and rewarding one.



Scuba diving in crystal clear water.



A Bermudian style commode.

Ask Alma

Dear Alma:

We just moved to Texas and the cost of living here is twice what it was at home. We know only a few people and each month we pinch pennies. Recently I started

babysitting and it was nice to have some groceries in the cupboards.

Two weeks later our landlord told us I couldn't babysit and if I continued, he'd have his attorney talk to us. We are good people, don't have parties, keep the house and grounds in order and have painted and done

repairs. Our rent is always paid on time. I have stopped babysitting so we wouldn't get evicted and now the cupboards are empty again.

My problem is I don't understand how someone can take away someone else's income like that. We try so hard to get ahead and then get pushed down again.

May God help all those who don't care how they hurt other people. — Disgusted and Sad

Dear Disgusted:

Your landlord may not be as unfeeling as you think. It's possible that there's a zoning ordinance against business on his property and he feels that your babysit-

ting is a violation of the law.

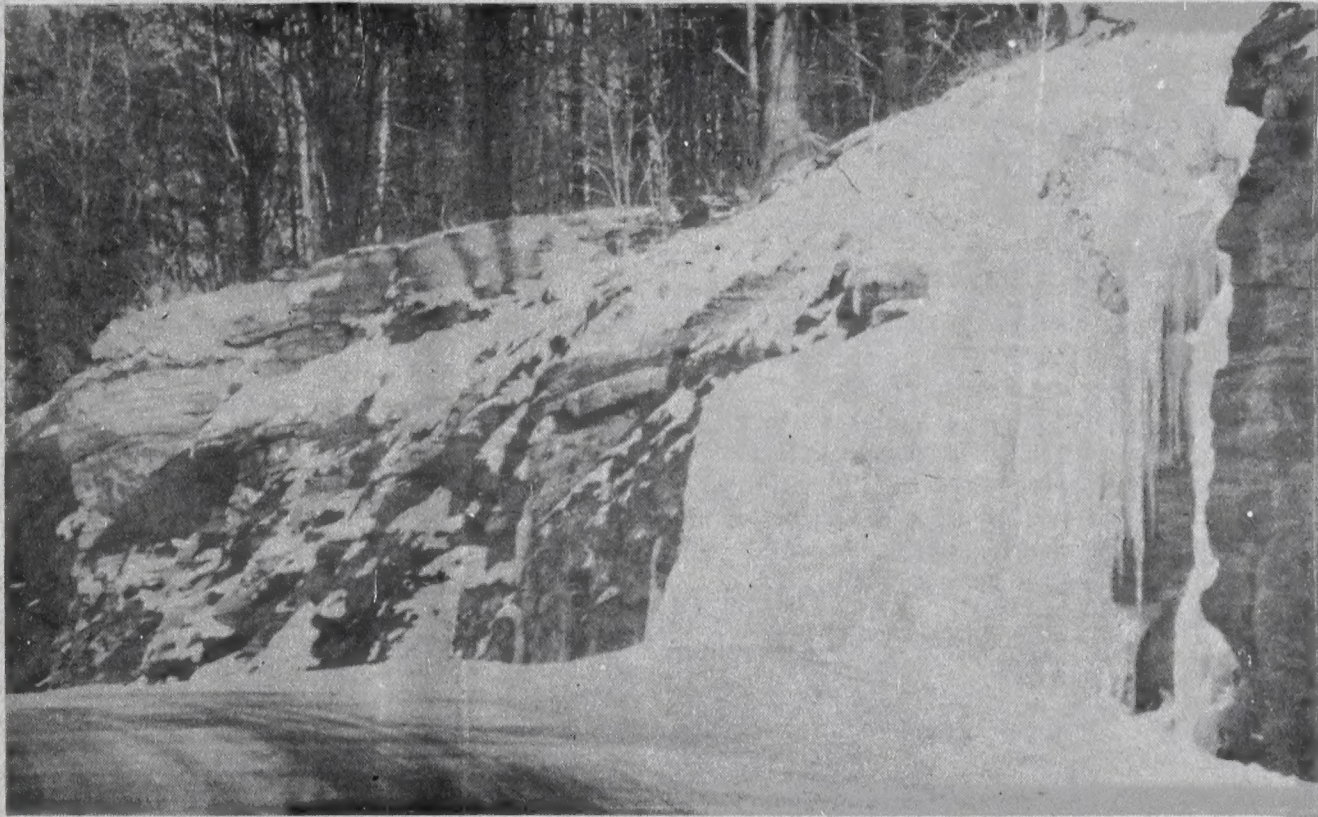
Call your local Legal Aid Society for an appointment (they won't charge you) and take a copy of your lease with you. An attorney will advise you on your rights. If it is not OK to continue babysitting in your own home, put a few ad cards on

your local stores' bulletin boards and take some jobs in homes close by. That's OK everywhere.

The local beanery is serving what may be the first plastic salad.



ENTERTAINMENT



Ice Sculptures adorn Counties rockcuts

Although the thermometer dropped to about -30C over the weekend, some of the most beautiful scenery of the winter to date could be found in Haliburton County, under the clear blue skies that prevailed. Shown above is one of Highway 35's rockcuts, adorned with a 30 foot ice sculpture, glistening beneath the bright sunlight.

Mainstream Canada

Let's Train Our Own People

By: Roger Worth

A heavy equipment company recently advertised in a prestigious national business publication seeking a general manager. The starting salary: \$50,000 per year.

At the same time, another firm advertised in the same publication seeking a diesel mechanic. The starting salary: \$50,000 per year.

Roger Worth is Director, Public Affairs, Canadian Federation of Independent Business.

Admittedly, the diesel mechanic would be located in a remote area of northern British Columbia. But it's intriguing that at least one tradesman in Canada is earning as much money as a general manager of a firm with sales of \$15 million.

The point, of course, is that there is an acute shortage of skilled trades people in the country and the situation is going to get a lot worse before it gets better.

In addition, salaries paid to skilled workers are rising at a phenomenal rate as shortages become more evident.

Meanwhile, more than \$200

billion will be spent on major energy related projects in the country in the 1980s. As a result, the experts estimate Canada will need at least another 40,000 trained workers.

Until recently, most governments in Canada have generally taken a wait-and-see attitude toward upgrading manpower training and apprenticeship policies and programs.

In a recent survey taken by the 55,000-member Canadian Federation of Independent Business, for example, 17% of those interviewed listed shortages of qualified labor as their most important problem.

A crash program to train Canadians to fill the high-paying jobs that are now going begging is urgently needed. Otherwise, the pressure to import even more skilled trades people from other countries — while untrained Canadians remain unemployed — will become unbearable.

One nice thing about the presidential budget: It makes our underestimates look like small potatoes.

How come there are so few civil servants when there are so many government-type employees?

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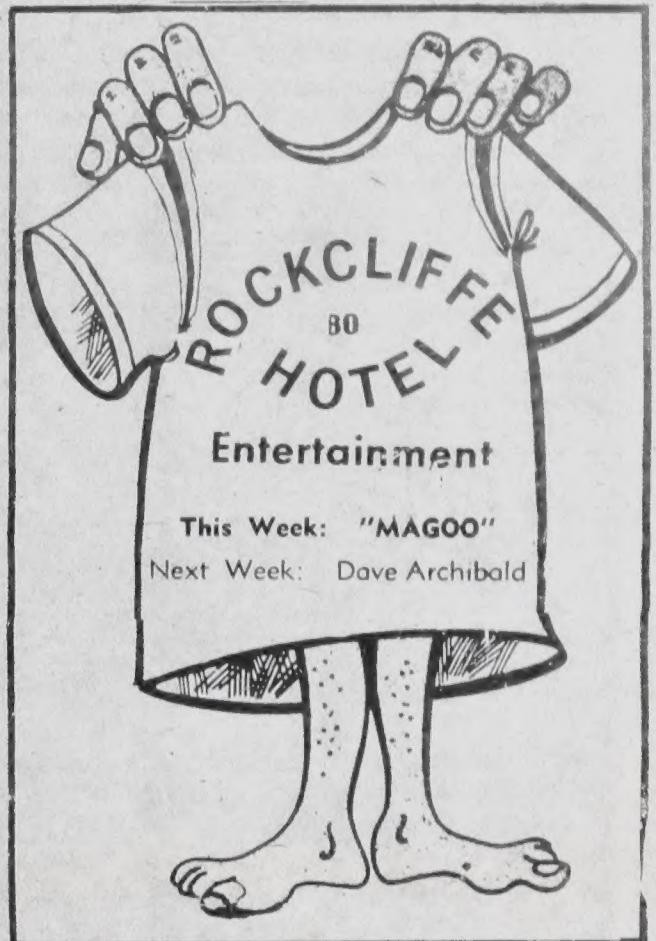
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STANHOPE NOTES

by A. F. Stevenson

Stanhope Airport Committee have cancelled the planned dance for March 15th, but are proceeding with plans for one at a later date.

When Stanhope ratepayers study their property tax bills and ponder the various items which contribute to cost of municipal operation, they are little likely to think of one item which is both costly and unnecessary. We refer to the price the taxpayer has to pay for vandalism and theft of township signs, a sum which amounts to several hundred dollars for replacement of the stolen or damaged signs.

Apart from the cost of material, labour and use of equipment, consideration must be given to the hazard created when stop signs at intersections or warning signs at other points, are stolen or made unreadable. Discouraging this practice will not only save an unnecessary expense but might also prevent a serious accident. The township road overseer, the township clerk or the township by-law officer would appreciate being notified of any such activity and request that the information be phoned to the office at 489-2379.

While riding around some of the side roads, one can find crews at work brushing out the growth along the road sides and a very pleasing aspect of this work is the way in which some of those lovely old rail fences are exposed for all to enjoy. We have

often been depressed by the neglect of the charming reminders of a hardy breed, who worked with courage and strong determination to erect many of the fences which can now be seen and enjoyed, instead of simply being glimpsed at through the growth which has kept them hidden. Roads overseer Marvin Brown and his crew are to be congratulated for the manner in which the work is being carried out.

It is our thought that much is added to the esthetic value of the country side in Stanhope by work of this nature, and perhaps there is much that is beautiful and of interest which could be exposed for all to see, given the support of the people for such a program.

When we look at Stanhope and find so much to admire, including the native born Stanhope residents, then talk of the many wonderful people of advanced age, we have to conclude that much of what we admire is really due to the tenacity and hard work of the early settlers and their successors.

The low water levels of the lakes is quite evident in this area at this time, giving rise to the hope that some needed spring rains come in plentiful quantities. It is quite obvious that the warnings of The Parks Canada Officials regarding the need for more snow or rain is not without good reason.

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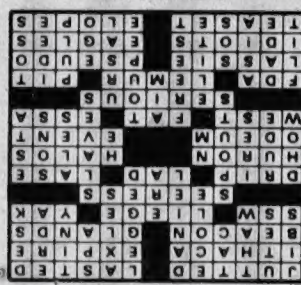
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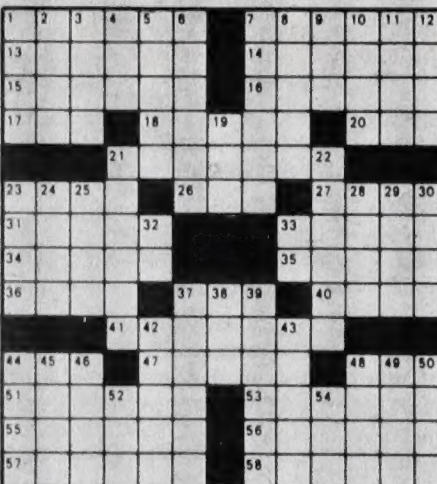
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Nutrition Notebook

Convenience Foods

By JOAN FIELDEN

Many Canadians today are questioning whether so-called convenience foods measure up to the requirements for good nutrition.

Responsible food manufacturers and processors fortunately have shown that they are alert to people's meal planning problems. It has been demonstrated that they do indeed plan to produce and market foods which provide service and nutrition.

Modern convenience foods are often richer in food value than food prepared at home. For example, white bread that has been enriched contains ample amounts of cereal protein, calcium, iron and B vitamins. Whole grain breads, gaining in popularity in more recent years, contain the same elements, and in addition provide important fibres.

Compared to the kind of bread grandma used to bake, today's modern loaf contains greater amounts of iron, calcium and important B vitamins, while retaining the same calorie and protein values.

Canned and frozen fruits and vegetables have also proven their worth. Under carefully controlled standardized

conditions, modern canneries package quality fruit and vegetables which have been processed at their peak of perfection.

It is now possible to purchase all year round foods which can provide vitamins and minerals almost equal to freshly harvested foods.

Commercially processed foods are definitely more nutritious than many of those well-travelled foods which eventually reach the home canning kettle or home-freezer pack.

To make sure you get what you want in convenience foods, always check labels or wrappers to see what the food inside contains.

For example, before you buy, make sure enriched white bread contains extra B vitamins and iron, that margarine is fortified with vitamin A, that frozen fruit has sugar added, that apple juice contains ample amounts of vitamin C.

Remember, convenience foods should also mean good eating values. Once this is accepted, then you can pursue your meal planning role with confidence and satisfaction.

Joan Fielden is an independent home economist, nutrition consultant for the Bakery Council of Canada, and a consultant to major foods groups across the country.

Snowmobile rally, Wilberforce

WILBERFORCE — The first annual Wilberforce minor hockey snowmobile rally will start at the Harcourt Community Centre at 1:00 pm this Saturday, March 8th.

The Paudash Trail Blazers' Snowmobile Club have generously offered their time in guiding participants and setting up check points for the rally.

All proceeds from this event will go to minor hockey and it is hoped to be a major fund raising project for the association.

Included with the registration for those taking part in the rally is a spaghetti dinner which will be held in the Harcourt Community Centre. The day's events will culminate with a dance the same evening at the Harcourt hall.

Advertising guidelines adopted for RRSPs

Guidelines for the advertising of registered retirement savings plans (RRSPs) in Ontario have been adopted by the financial community, consumer minister Frank Drea announced today.

"Creating the guidelines at this point was essential," said Mr. Drea. "Some serious doubts were raised recently about the benefit of saving for retirement through a RRSP. In my view, RRSPs are a sound way to invest for retirement and I don't want to see people discouraged because poor advertising practices encourage critics to take pot shots at the plans."

"The guidelines were as-

sembled by representatives from the Trust Companies Association of Canada, the Canadian Life Insurance Association, the Investment Funds Institute of Canada, the Ontario Credit Union League and in consultation with the Canadian Bankers' Association," said Mr. Drea. "We also had the full support of the federal department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs Marketing Practices Branch."

"The speed with which the financial community responded to this situation shows how well the free enterprise system can handle its own problems without excessive government regula-

tion."

The guidelines will be implemented by the financial institutions responsible for selling RRSPs as quickly as possible.

"We anticipate that there will be a transition period before the guidelines can become fully functional. This period will give the financial community time to phase out advertising which may fall outside the guidelines," said Mr. Drea.

Attached are copies of the advertising guidelines and the Advertising Code of Ethics of the Canadian Advertising Advisory Board which forms part of the guidelines.

Travellers may face fuel surcharges or cancellation costs

Travellers who are hit for more money to offset rising fuel prices may discover that cancelling their holiday is expensive, Frank Drea, Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations warned today.

Two major package tour operators are collecting substantial cancellation charges from those who cancel because of the fuel surcharges, he added. "Those consumers lose out either way. Recent-

ly, for example, fuel surcharges amounted to almost \$100 per person for a one-week fly/cruise vacation. Cancellation charges would have cost over \$400 per person. That's really no choice at all," said Mr. Drea.

Most major package tour operators in Ontario have allowed travellers to cancel a trip without cost if they are not prepared to pay the extra charges. Customers notified of the surcharges usually

have up to 10 days to either pay the additional amount or cancel the trip without penalty.

"Read the fine print in travel brochures at the time of booking," said Mr. Drea. "Make sure you understand the conditions of a particular package. If they are not clear, ask your travel agent so there will be no misunderstanding later."

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First sludge — fertilizer guidelines control use of sewage sludge to benefit farmers and municipalities

Comprehensive guidelines to control the use of sewage sludge as a fertilizer on agricultural land have been developed jointly by Environment Ontario and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Environment Minister Harry C. Parrott announced.

He said the guidelines are based on a \$2 million research program conducted since 1971 mostly at the University of Guelph by agricultural and environmental scientists. "They will allow Ontario farmers maximum use of this valuable fertilizer and soil conditioner and at the same time prevent excessive levels of metals, nutrients and potentially noxious substances from endangering food producing land, watercourses and the health of humans and animals."

"By allowing a more efficient and safer use of sewage sludge, which is a valuable economic agricultural commodity, the guidelines will benefit both the Ontario farmer and Ontario municipalities," Ontario Minister of Agriculture and Food

Lorne C. Henderson said.

About 34 per cent of the sludge now produced in Ontario's sewage treatment plants is used on agricultural land. Forty per cent is incinerated and 26 per cent is disposed in landfill or composted.

The administration of the new guidelines will rest jointly with Environment Ontario and with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Both ministries will inform farmers about sludge use and encourage them to use it on their fields.

Replacing 1973 interim recommendations, the new guidelines will:

- control sludge quality by establishing minimum ratios of nitrogen to 11 metals,
- control nutrient build-up in soil,
- set maximum sludge application rates depending on cropping practice,
- permit the use of stabilized sludge only,
- require waiting periods, after sludge application, prior to cropping and pasturing,
- establish minimum dis-

tances between sites of sludge application, residences and watercourses.

"Guideline implementation will be phased in over three years," Dr. Parrott said. "No changes in sludge spreading practices are required for the first year. This will allow municipalities to adjust their sewage treatment operations and to review disposal alternatives. It will also allow my Ministry to fully monitor the effects of sludge use. During the second year some sludges may be spread at reduced rates. During the third year, they may be spread only when municipalities are committed either to upgrade sludges or to secure alternative disposal facilities."

Experience has shown that stabilized sewage sludge is an excellent fertilizer, rich in phosphorus, nitrogen and soil conditioners.

Sludge is recommended for use as a fertilizer on corn fields, on grasslands used for hay and in commercial sod operations. Its use on legumes, soy beans and pasture is subject to some limitations.

Caution Required With Wood Fires

As energy costs continue to climb, many people are re-kindling an old flame — wood fires. With proper forest management, wood can provide a cheap, clean, renewable energy source.

But don't forget you're playing with fire. An improperly installed or maintained fireplace, stove or combination wood-oil unit is a fire hazard.

Use common sense and follow a few simple guidelines:

- Install only units that have been certified for use with wood by the Canadian Standards Association, or Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada. Combination wood-gas units are not approved.

- Stoves, including grates, should be in good condition. Doors and dampers should fit tightly so you can control the rate of combustion.

- Hire an expert to make sure the flue pipe and chimney are in good repair and can handle the higher temperatures produced by wood fires.

- If you originally had a coal or wood-burning furnace in your home and later converted to a gas or oil unit, restoration should be relatively simple. However, some chimneys are designed specifically for oil or gas and may not be adequate.

- Masonry or ULC-certified, factory-built chimneys are safe for use with wood. But masonry chimneys should have a fire clay flue liner.

- Flammable materials should not be left closer than two inches (five centimetres) from the chimney. Chimneys should extend at least three

feet (90 centimetres) above a flat roof and at least two feet (60 centimetres) higher than any part of a sloped roof within ten feet (three metres) horizontally of the chimney.

- If flue pipes must pass through combustible walls, a heat-dispersing thimble at least 18 inches (45 centimetres) in diameter should encircle the pipes.

- Contact your insurance agent before adding a new heating system. It may be considered an additional risk resulting in higher premiums. If you do not notify your agent and a fire occurs, your insurance may not apply.

- A building permit will probably be required. Check with your municipality about this before work begins. Because of the additional fire hazards, consider installing a smoke detector.

The Ministry of Consumer

and Commercial Relations has published an information sheet, titled "Guide for homeowners: heating with wood fuels," that covers installation, lighting and maintenance of wood-fired equipment which is available from the Consumer Information Centre at 555 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2H6. It will help ensure that your winter is safe and comfortable.

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Fine hair can be beautiful

BY RENE VINCENT

Fine, slippery hair always hangs straight. It has a wonderful sheen immediately after shampooing but it also becomes dull and oily rather quickly.

It seems unable to take a set and does not seem to hold one.

Baby fine hair is often light brown or blond, rarely red or black. Usually, it is also very thin. As it becomes oily it sticks together making the coiffure flat.

To give this type of hair body, bounce and form, a three-pronged approach should be used:

- The oiliness should be controlled.

- The diameter of the hair should be built up with protein conditioners.

- The cuticle should be roughened by mild processing (either tinting or waving).

The last solution is the best one for slippery hair. Permanent waving gives body to the hair as well as helping it to hold a set. However, baby fine hair is very resistant to waving lotions. If you leave the waving lotion on too long, the result can be a frizzy, dry, drab mess.

Large permanent waving rods should be used. This process involves taking small strands of hair, winding them on as many rods as possible and placing them very close to one another. Since this operation takes time, it is

advisable to wind all the hair when wet and apply the permanent lotion only when all the hair is wound up.

This will ensure that the waving lotion is left the same length of time on every part of the head and give an uniform amount of curls.

Coloring baby fine hair is another solution. The alkaline substances contained in hair dyes will roughen the cuticle and thereby make it set and hold better. A shampoo-in color, a conventional hair dye or a frosting can be used with equal effect.

Frosting may be the best answer. Often, it will match the light brown color of the hair, make it less oily and will also add highlights to hair that is dull and vaguely colored.

With proper conditioning with protein rich conditioners, thin, slippery hair can enjoy the best results and become manageable.

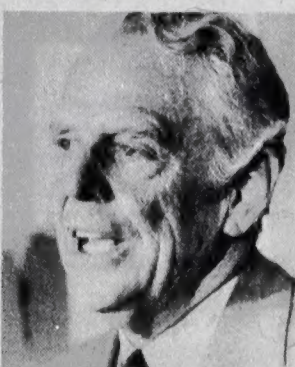
It is very important that a good understanding of your problem is established with an experienced hairdresser before you decide what should be done to make your baby fine hair look good.

It can be done. Today, with all the scientific techniques available in salons, fine hair can be beautiful.

Rene Vincent is executive director of the Allied Beauty Association, a national, non-profit trade association formed by the professional beauty industry to improve the quality of haircare.



In the News



CLARK Clifford, acting as a special envoy for President Carter, has been blunt with the Soviets over the Persian Gulf situation.

Wallflowers

A HAIRCUT IS A SNIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK



Musings

Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days. — Eccl. 11:1

You give but little when you give your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give. — Kahlil Gibran, Lebanese writer and artist.

We have a whole new page on which to write, and most of us will copy our notes from last year.

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Sports Page

by CLIFF BURKE



Father's edge Peewees in exhibition game

MINDEN — The annual father and son pee wee exhibition game took place at the Centre Saturday and a good crowd was on hand to watch the Monarch pee wees try to beat their pops. Although the dads came through with a 12-7 victory, the game proved very entertaining. Ross

Ballantyne played goal for the dads and was tested severely throughout the game, even though he was harassed in his goal crease on several occasions, he managed to hold the youngsters to seven goals. In one breakaway, son John broke away on his dad only to be stopped by

the lightning quick reflects of his old man. John got revenge though, he tapped him on the shoulder and while dad was crawling around on his knees, teammate Jeff Howe scored.



Goalies shine in 2 Minden shutouts, Tykes, Atoms win

MINDEN — As the 1979-80 minor hockey season draws to a close, the younger teams in the association have been playing some superb hockey.

In the first game played on Saturday at the Centre, the novices took on Haliburton in a very exciting contest, winning 4-2 for the second win in a row in playoff action.

Haliburton got off to a very fast start against the novices when Dean Bronson and Paul Goulet scored to go up 2-0. Before the period ended Minden had found their legs and their scoring eyes to tie the game 2-2 on goals by Scott Russell from Wyatt Nesbitt and Jeff Francis, unassisted. Minden added two more goals in the third period to win the game. The first from Joey Boyle, assisted by Nesbitt and Francis and the second from Russell, assisted by Sheldon

Stevenson.

Minden Tykes took to the ice in the second game of the day and shutout Haliburton 4-0 on the splendid netminding of Lorne Greer. Aaron Hie and Dave Lee each had a pair of goals for the locals.

In the third game, Omeme skated out onto the Centre ice and figured to win as the Tri County Atoms had lost their last three games, scoring just two goals in the three hockey tilts. However, it was a different story on this weekend, as goaltender Craig Crowe came up with a great performance against their visitors from the south and his teammates popped in four goals to win going away 4-0.

Russell, up from the novices, and playing his second game in two hours, notched the hat trick and Jason Stamp scored one.

The Tri County Bantams have turned their seasons fortunes in a complete circle over the past few weeks as they had garnered only four points from

Tykes shutout Haliburton 4-0

The Minden Monarch Tykes came through with a top effort on Saturday afternoon at the Community Centre, when they got two goal performances from Aaron Hie and David Lee to blank the Haliburton Tykes 4-0.

18 games. However, when coach Kirk Bul took over the team at the end of the season, they won their final two games and have won two in the playoff consolation round. Their latest being a 8-6 triumph over Innismore last Sunday. They had previously beaten Cannington 10-0. Both these victories coming with a team that has only eight players.

At the Centre on Sunday Andrew Shapiera continued to fill the opposition net with pucks, netting four, giving him 10 in two games. Larry Misco came through with a hat trick and Terry Groves scored one

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Warsaw dumps midgets, tie All Ontario quarter finals 1-1

MINDEN — The All Ontario Quarter finals got under way last week in midget D with Minden Monarchs taking on Warsaw. On Tuesday evening in Warsaw Terry Allore was the player of the game, netting three big goals for the Monarchs, leading them to a 4-2 victory and a one game lead in the best three of five series. Back in Minden on Saturday evening, Warsaw tied the series at a game each when John Trotter scored at 9:14 of the final period to lead his team to a 4-3 win.

On Tuesday evening Minden got off to a great

start when Ron Yake opened the scoring assisted by Kevin Shapiera and Andy Pristol. Minden went up 2-0 before the period ended when Allore scored the first of his three goals, set up by Ivan Ingram and Bret Austen. Allore scored again early in the second period taking a perfect pass from Harold Porter, putting Minden ahead 3-0. John Condon and Gary Nelson cut the margin to 3-2 before the third period intermission. Allore put the game out of reach in the third, taking a pass from Yake and golfing it behind the Warsaw netminder.

In Minden on Saturday, Warsaw opened the scoring after just 53 seconds of play, when Vince Watts finished off a three way passing play with linemate Trotter and Danny Hartwick. At 4:20 Warsaw went up 2-0 when Larry Pearcell scored from a scramble in front of Minden netminder Terry Crowe. Gary Nelson and John Condon assisting.

Minden got back into the game at 3:56 of the

second period when Harold Porter fired a shot between the Warsaw goalies legs. Andy Pristol got Minden even on the scoreboard 41 seconds later when he converted a perfect goalmouth pass from Shapiera who then sent the Monarchs to the dressing room with a 3-2 lead when he combined with Yake to beat the Warsaw goalie.

Penalties early in the third period ultimately led to Minden's downfall. As a result, Warsaw tied the game at 8:39 when Nelson scored an unassisted goal. 35 seconds later Trotter converted a three way passing play that started in the Warsaw end, with linemate Condon and Murray Coutow.

The two teams now move back to the Warsaw arena for the third game on Wednesday beginning

at 8 pm. Although the fourth game isn't set as of press time, it will probably be played at the Centre in Minden on Saturday at 7 pm.

Let's Go Snowmobiling

Shopping for a Snowmobile A consumer guide

The heavy snows of the past two winters have been an inspiration and this is the year, by golly, that you're going to buy a snowmobile and get out and enjoy that white stuff instead of counting the months 'til it melts. The following consumer tips should help your decision along.

Select a good dealer

First and foremost, select a reputable dealer to insure a fair deal and provide whatever maintenance your snowmobile may need. Snowmobiles are designed to operate on a blanket of snow with the thermometer registering below freezing, and generally speaking they only need a maintenance check at the beginning of the season. But to be sure your machine is always ready to go when you are, you'll want to do business with a dealer who maintains a good parts and service department. For help in finding a dealer, check with your local snowmobile club or if you live in an urban area, check your Yellow Pages or contact a club in the area where you go to do most of your riding.

Choosing the "right" machine

Your next consideration is choosing the right size machine for your particular riding needs. In general, snowmobiles are designed to carry one passenger but many models are available to comfortably seat two. If you plan to use your snowmobile frequently as a passenger vehicle for family members or friends, make certain you are comfortable riding together. If you are not, the alternative to a two-person machine is to purchase an additional machine. The benefits derived from the comfort and fun make

the additional purchase worthwhile.

Snowmobile engines range in size from 244cc to 500cc. Riding conditions are sometimes taken into consideration in choosing among various engine models. For example, some snowmobilers prefer more powerful engines for riding at high altitudes in mountain terrain and deep snow powder. Other snowmobilers find that lighter, less powerful snowmobiles are ideally suited for riding the thousands of miles of scenic trail systems found throughout the snowbelt. Whatever your choice, a good rule of thumb is not to buy more snowmobile than you need, given your physical size and the riding conditions in your region.

Accessories

Selecting the proper accessories deserves as much attention as choosing the right machine. Snowmobile suits, which are available in a variety of colors and styles, are better insulated and much warmer than those designed for other winter sports. Snowmobile boots are an equally good investment—not just for snowmobiling but for many types of outdoor winter activity. A helmet will complete your ensemble and will help keep you warm as well as offering protection.

Equipped with the proper machine and outerwear, you are now ready for a winter experience which defies the elements and promises to cure even the most severe case of cabin fever! Don't forget that snowmobile clubs and dealers can provide plenty of information on both the sport and places to ride and vacation. If you don't know of a local club, write to: Snowmobile Information Centre, P.O. Box 951, Station Q., Toronto, Ontario M4T 1L0.

Carnarvon Lanes places four in Nat. Classified Regional

CARNARVON — The National Classified Bowling Championship Zone finals, sponsored by the Bowling Proprietors Association of Canada were rolled this past Sunday here and in Fenelon Falls.

Here the men took to the lanes, with two teams from Fenelon and one each from Peterborough and the host house.

The tournament format changed this year in the NCBC. In the past it was a team event, with a class One to five bowler on each team. This year, the bowlers in each class bowled against each other in a singles format, with the top bowler in each class after three games, forming the team to represent this zone.

The men's team that qualified for the Regional Round of the championships, to be held March 30th at Port Hope, will be: class 1 Al Couture, Carnarvon; class 2 Neil Jackson, Carnarvon; class 3 Tom Bartlett Fenelon; class 4 Ken Mills, Fenelon and class 5 Bill Korz, Fenelon.

Ken Mills came through with the top triple of the days competition, a fine 778. Bill Korz rolled the high single of 316.

If the above team should win the regional finals, they would then advance to the provincial championships, to be held April 12 at Oshawa. From there the winner advances to the World Championships to be held in Grand Falls, Newfoundland.

All the members of the ladies team that will represent this zone at the regionals was not available. However, two ladies from Carnarvon Lanes will be with the team. Class 2 Hilda McFarlane and class 4 Kay Barry will join class 5 Kay Osler of Fenelon Falls and two other ladies at Oshawa on March 30th. Good luck to all!

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SPORTS

CLIFF WURKE — SPORTS EDITOR



Rockcliffe Hotel ties playoff with Hartwick Const. wins 12-6

MINDEN— On Monday evening, Feb. 25th, the men's recreational hockey league playoffs continued their best three out of five series. Floyd Hall Insurance played two very good periods of hockey against league champion Home Hardware, but ran out of gas in the third to lose 8-1 and hand the Hardware boys a 2-0 series lead. In the second game of the night, Hartwick Construction, who had a 1-0 lead over the Rockcliffe Hotel, went down 12-6 to tie the series at 1-1.

Floyd Hall opened the scoring early in the first period against Home Hardware when Reg Eviligh completed a three way play from Neil Burk and Dave Willis. However, before the period ended, Dave Dollo tied the contest 1-1 from Mark Derry and Weldon Pop. Home went up 2-1 with the only goal of the second stanza when Wayne Johnson scored on a perfect setup by Dollo. The third period was all Home Hardware as they blasted six goals past Hall goaltender Doug Pearson. Dave Hartwick got three goals Johnson scored his second of the night, Popp and Kevin Newell had one each.

Rockcliffe Hotel rebounded from a very bad first game against Hartwick Construction, to double the score 12-6 and tie the series.

Larry Sawyer, the league scoring champion had a banner evening, scoring five big goals and setting up three others. Linemate Shan McKelvey pitched in with the hat trick and two assists, Bill Leary added a pair of goals and assists while singles went to Jim Todd and John McAdam.

Hartwick got a three goal performance from Pete Lattner, two from Harris Steele and one from Larry Vick.



2 beauties from Boskung Lake

The last weekend in February proved most successful for fisherman Joe McDevitt of Caledon East as he was able to catch and land these two beautiful Lake Trout. The fish weighed in at 12½ and 6 pounds each and were taken from Boskung Lake. Mr. McDevitt and his party of four stayed at the Clansman Motel on Highway 35.

On Sports

BY JOHN DALTON

Freddie Brown knows just what Vinnie Johnson is going through.

It's frustrating for a rookie in the National Basketball Association to sit on the bench, waiting for his turn to play. Particularly after

reigning as a Big Man on Campus during a successful career in college sports.

On the Seattle SuperSonics, Johnson, a rookie guard from Baylor, is still waiting for his NBA chance. Teammate Brown, a star, went through that once.

Both were Number 1 draft choices by Seattle: Johnson, the eighth NBA pick in 1979; Brown, the fourth overall choice in 1971 after starring at Iowa.

Johnson, who had averaged 25.2 points a game as the leading scorer in the Southwestern Conference, is faced with the task of working his way into the SuperSonic guard alignment of Dennis Johnson and Gus Williams. And Brown.

In the NBA, Johnson has been averaging less than five minutes a game.

Brown once had to bide his time as veterans Lenny Wilkens (now the Sonics coach), Dick Snyder and Lee Winfield received most of the playing time.

It eased Johnson's mind considerably when Brown pointed out that Vinnie is almost seeing as much playing time as Fred did as a rookie.

"He was shocked," says Fred. "It made him feel a lot better."

"Downtown" Fred Brown, the Sonics' captain who gained his NBA reputation as an excellent sixth man, feels vets have an obligation to help rookies.

That's why Brown ("I was helped by veterans when I came into the league") spends a lot of his spare time working with Johnson.

Notes Brown: "I can relate to him because I was in the same situation in my first season. I watch him and remind him to work hard and tell him his time will come."

Why does Brown think it's so vital to help the newer players? He says, "The league has survived because of advice that has been passed along."

Brown explains: "There are more and more youngsters coming in who don't have that complete education in basketball."

A lot of them feel they

Paul Sisson leads Hotel over Hartwick, Hall upsets Home

Minden — They say that all good things have to come to an end sometime. Well, on Monday evening at the Center, Home Hardware's 17 game unbeaten streak in the Men's Recreational Hockey League came to an abrupt end. Neil Burk, playing one of his finest games of the season, scored three goals and set up a fourth, as Floyd Hall Insurance downed the hardware boys 6-4. The win also extended the Insurance teams season by at least one more game, as there victory now leaves their playoff series at 2-1 in favor of Home Hardware.

Steve Harper picked up a pair of goals for Hall while Tom Lee netted an empty net marker to clinch the game. Kevin Newall scored twice for Home with singles going to Dave Dollo and Dave Hartwick.

The Rockcliffe Hotel moved to within one game of the Championship Final on Monday evening when they trounced Hartwick Construction 12-3. Paul Sisson and Shane McKelvey each scored three goals, Leigh Bull had two and one each went to John MacAdam, Larry Sawyer, Dean Hewitt and Don Cummings. Larry Vick, Tony Labarge and Pete Pearson replied for Hartwick. The win gives Rockcliffe a 2-1 lead in their best three out of five series.

February Weather

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Average high	-4.9
Average low	-17.6
Average for month	-11.2
Average for Feb. /79	-14.3
Highest Temperature Feb.20	+2
Lowest Temperature Feb 17	-31
Rain	0
Snowfall	25cm
Total precipitation	25mm
Snow on ground Feb 29	32cm
Snow on ground Feb 28/79	68cm
Total snowfall to date	177cm
February was quite a pleasant month with above average temperature and below average snowfall.	

Sports View



WORLD POLITICS seem to be nothing but a headache for Don Miller, executive director of the U.S. Olympic Committee. The issue: whether to go to the 1980 Summer Games in Moscow despite Russia's invasion of Afghanistan.

have to make a big splash right away, but you have to learn the way the game is played here first."

Doubters may think some NBA vets may not look to help rookie teammates because they could be competing for the same jobs. Brown does not buy that.

Claims Brown: "A veteran should never really feel threatened by a rookie. Once you've been around a while you should have enough confidence in your ability to play."

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- Do you have all your official documents in order? Find out what papers are required by the country you'll be visiting. These could include a passport or visa, vaccination and health certificates or a driver's licence.

- Are your tickets, bookings and itinerary in order? If there are any problems, let your agent know immediately. These things aren't easy to straighten out once you're there.

- Do you have to confirm your return travel arrangements or are they pre-booked?

- Are you going to be bringing anything back with you? Check with Canada customs about regulations for bringing things into the country.

- Do you have enough money? The safest way to

carry money is in traveller's cheques. It's also a good idea to have some cash in the currency of the country you are visiting and a small amount of Canadian currency for use when you get back.

- Is your luggage marked clearly? Some experienced travellers even use coloured plastic tape to make their baggage stand out. More and more countries are requiring that all baggage carry a label showing your name and home address. Make sure the luggage is locked securely before parting with it. Valuable documents and items such as jewelry and money, should travel in your hand baggage.

- Take precautions for the security of your home. Stop delivery of newspapers and inform the police and neighbors of your vacation plans. If you are going to be away for an extended period, have someone clear your mailbox periodically and cut the grass or shovel snow.

- If you are under medication, carry a spare prescription. If you wear glasses,

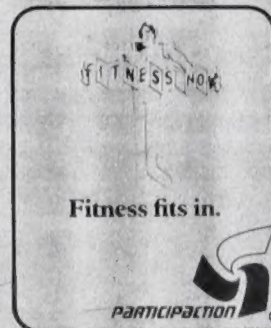
take along an extra pair. If you use contact lenses, take along extras as well as a pair of glasses. There's no point in travelling half-way around the world if you can't see what it looks like when you get there.

Of course, a reliable travel agent is the key to a successful trip. Once you have chosen an agent, be sure he or she is registered with the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations. If not, the agent is operating illegally in Ontario, and any funds you give the agency are not protected. The ministry has prepared a booklet, titled "Protecting your travel dollar," outlining the steps to take in planning travel and explaining the protection offered under The Travel Industry Act. The booklet is available from the ministry's Consumer Information Centre at 555 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2H6. Use this information — and your own careful planning — to ensure that this year's vacation is a happy and successful one.

Suburbia



"With what it cost me for special jogging shoes, the vitamins and the liniment I've had to buy, it would have been cheaper going to the hospital to get healthy."



One thing nice about March: They can't run the show more than 31 days.



Thinking Slim

BY JEAN NIDETCH

Has anybody ever asked you: What food did it to you? What food gave you that extra 20, 30, 50 pounds? Chocolate? Pasta? Ice cream?

My friend George tells me it was "starches." "Starches really put on the pounds." As he tells me this, George has just finished his second martini. He's now consuming a tossed salad with about a cup of Roquefort dressing. He's ordered a 12-ounce steak smothered with onion rings: "No potato or bread, please." George will not lose weight. And anybody else who plays The Bad Food Game won't either.

The game goes like this: Find the Bad Food (like "Guess The Mystery Word") and all your excess weight will disappear. It's magic. But even Houdini couldn't make it happen.

The problem is: No "food" did it to you. You did it to you. We only think of certain foods as the cause of our weight problems because they've been involved with certain binges in our lives. Coming off a binge, we vow never again to eat ice cream, not realizing that it's the binge, not the ice cream, that's the real problem.

Reality is different. Reality says that our bodies need a whole range of foods — breads, cereals, fruits, vegetables, meat, fish, poultry, dairy products, fats — to function well. If we fuel our bodies with the proper amounts of these foods, our bodies will function well, and we won't gain weight. If we eat too much food, our bodies will store that excess food as fat. Simple.

Does that mean that a chocolate cupcake is okay for someone on a weight-loss program? No, but not because it's "bad." A weight-loss program should supply us with all the vital nutrients we need at a reduced number of calories. A cupcake has too few nutrients for the calories. After we've lost weight, we can have the chocolate cupcake, but not in place of a well-balanced diet. As a bonus.

To lose weight for good, we need to learn a lot more about food. And, we have to learn to like all sorts of foods. I think most

overweight people like too few foods and too few tastes. For example: Have you ever tried a little shredded ginger on a fish fillet? Have you ever had a cup of cooked rhubarb? But a sensible weight-loss program will contain all sorts of new foods.

When they ask you: What food did it to you? Tell them: "All foods. I lost weight because I learned to like food."

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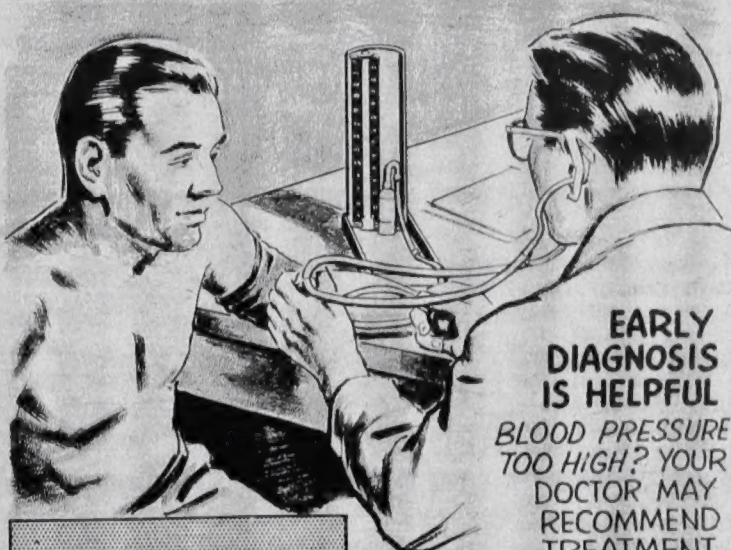
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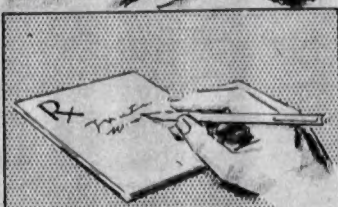
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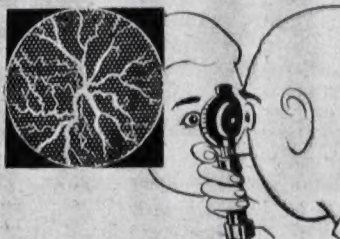
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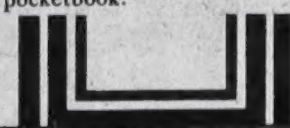
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Samantha READS YOUR STARS

If you were born this week: You are charming and sweet-tempered. You are sensitive to others' feelings but also can be very easily hurt. You have a gentle, trusting nature. It is often hard for you to make decisions, partially because you tend to consider everyone else's feelings first.

ARIES (3-21/4-19): Relationships and finances are both accented in week ahead. Keep on your toes mentally and, please, Aries, think before you act. Possible pitfalls await and rash behavior could put you in one of your own digging! Days close with understanding and the germ of an idea.

TAURUS (4-20/5-20): You make your own opportunities this week. Taurus, Freebies are scarcer than hens' teeth, but, with some effort, you'll find several doors that are ajar. A bit more effort will see them open wide, sweetheart.

GEMINI (5-21/6-20): Romance adds sparkle to your week, Gem. Social functions and meetings are high on your agenda. Work-project developments an unexpected turn, sending you scurrying back to the drawing board. Finally, a bit of mystery adds spice.

MOONCHILD (6-21/7-22): Domestic matters claim your attention; among them, perhaps, is a necessary repair. Later, you may rediscover that love is a two-way street. It's

just as important to accept love as to give it, Moonbeam. Be sure to travel both directions. How sweet it is!

LEO (7-23/8-22): Your patience and understanding may be tested by a member of the opposite sex. Look for hidden meanings to shed light, Leo, and you'll win the bouquet. Later, watch for a visitor who may want something for nothing. You know how to reply! Cupid closes week with hugs and kisses.

VIRGO (8-23/9-22): Put yourself first this week and tend to your own affairs, Virgo. Study your budget; make revisions where necessary. Catch up on correspondence and, then, have some friends in. By the way, be ready for a midweek surprise.

LIBRA (9-23/10-23): The focus is on you, Libby babe, so look and be your shining best. Give partner-mate special attention and concentrate on polishing all your relationships. Later, expect a financial change and an unusual conversation.

SCORPIO (10-24/11-22): Disruptions are abundant, Scorp. In the main, though, they're all cluster and noise and no action. Nothing to get hot and bothered about. Spend your days quietly doing your own thing and using time where it'll count.

SAGITTARIUS (11-23/12-21): When you're riding a wave of optimism, Sag, it's hard to be realistic. Try. Don't let pie-in-the-sky plan make you forget your common sense. You do have some common sense, you know. It's in there somewhere, probably buried among your books on making gold.

CAPRICORN (12-22/1-19): Business affairs and personal goals are highlighted this week, Cappy. Others are more than willing to give advice. Put the stopper on, though, or you'll be listening all week instead of doing.

AQUARIUS (1-20/2-19): What is right for someone else may not be right for you, Aquari. An older person whose opinion you respect offers logical and sound advice this week. Although it's an appealing solution, it may not be one you're comfortable with. You know what to do. So do it,

already!
PISCES (2-20/3-20): You have chores (horrors!) to tend to and people to see, Pisces. Answer an S.O.S., but don't allow another's problem to become

your own. Later, think about travel plans, but try to delay final decisions about them. And don't forget to celebrate your birthday!

Canadian Comment BY PETER WARD

OTTAWA (SF)—The skyrocketing price of gold and silver has sent many Canadians scurrying through the silver drawer to see if that Niagara Falls teaspoon is real silver, and thus worth \$50, or if that junk jewelry ring of Aunt Martha's is actually gold. The temptation to sell such trinkets for their melt-down value is considerable, and if you don't use the item concerned, perhaps it's not a bad idea.

For three years we saw the currencies of the major western nations fluctuating wildly on international markets, while big speculators made a bundle in profits. Now it's the turn of gold and silver. First the precious metals soar skyward in price, and then when the small investor has panicked into buying, the big boys sell out to take a profit.

Where do the massive sums involved in creating these wild price fluctuations come from? The best bet is that it's oil money. The nations of the OPEC cartel are famous for their high regard of gold and silver as sure value assets, and history shows that precious metals, in the long term, don't lose their buying power.

The trouble with an international system gone mad over precious metals is that all that investment money

winds up sitting in vaults, not being used for any productive purpose. Invest your money in a factory, or even use it to buy a new car, and you create jobs which recycle the invested money through society, increasing the wealth. When it's in gold bars, all your money does is create a couple of jobs for the security guards watching it.

The sight of Canadians lined up to buy gold and silver at today's inflated prices is extremely alarming, because it means that the money those people are sinking into precious metals won't be available for mortgages, for stocks, or for retail purchases. If all that gold and silver money stays in the metal bars, the nation's employment figures will show the results in six months or a year.

Buying gold and silver means you're betting on continued inflation — inflation higher than the rate of interest you can get from investing. You're betting on disaster, and contributing to it at the same time.

For Canadians, the most productive attitude towards the muddled international financial scene is to leave the gold and silver speculation to the big boys. Not only can you damage the economy by locking up your money in bullion, you can also lose your shirt.

If it weren't for pollution, what would the air filter people do?



Middleton Gardens near Charleston, South Carolina are open year round and reflect the grandeur of the Old South.

Gardens of the Old South

Nowhere else in North America can you see the profusion of magnolias, azaleas and camellias that make the gardens of the Carolinas and Georgia a splash of colour from mid-February to about the end of April.

Many of the flowering shrubs are a legacy of the days before the Civil War when mansions on the plantations of the Old South were surrounded by gardens rivaling in their magnificence the better-known formal gardens of Europe.

Most of the mansions were put to the torch when Union forces swept through the region during the Civil War. Others were abandoned and left to decay. Only in relatively recent times have some of the gardens been revived and made to appear as they were two centuries ago but it may be that modern horticultural techniques have made them even more attractive now than they were originally.

Middleton Gardens, in South Carolina on State 61 about 14 miles from the junction with US 17, are claimed to be the oldest landscaped gardens in North America, having been laid out in 1741. The mansion they originally surrounded was partly burned down during the Civil War and in 1886 an earthquake almost completed the destruction. One wing is all that remains of the original building but the gardens have been completely restored. They are so extensive you need a map, obtainable at the entrance, to find your way around.

Andrew Michaux, a botanist who was the first to bring

camellias from Europe to North America, planted four in Middleton Gardens. Three are still blooming, providing what is generally recognized as the finest display in any of the gardens.

Two lakes in the shape of a butterfly serve as reflecting pools. The crop grown on the plantation was not cotton but rice, which required water taken from a nearby river. The water level in the lakes is kept constant by a dam that was part of the irrigation system used to flood the rice fields.

Magnolia Gardens, only a short distance away, are all that remains of an estate called Magnolia-on-the-Ashley. The mansion was totally destroyed.

Paradoxically, it is not magnolias but camellias and azaleas that are the true glory of the gardens. Some of the camellias, which cover about 25 acres, grow in such profusion that their colours almost obscure the underlying green foliage.

Cypress Gardens (not to be confused with those of the same name in Florida) are about 20 miles north of Charleston and four miles east of US 52. They occupy land that was originally part of a plantation called Dear Hall but date only from the 1920s and resulted from the planting of azaleas in a region of wild cypresses.

The giant cypress trees, including some more than three centuries old, cast their shade across lagoons. Azaleas around the lagoons can best be seen by taking a boatride but there are also pathways throughout the gardens.

Savannah, Georgia, has the Victory Drive, said to be the longest drive lined by palm trees and azaleas in the Old South. There is also a small but outstanding display of azaleas at Forsyth Park in downtown Savannah.

Greenfield Gardens, which are within the city limits of Wilmington, North Carolina, can best be seen from a 5-mile scenic drive that extends through them. Azaleas that line the shores of a lake for about a mile are particularly beautiful when seen reflected in the water.

The Orton Plantation, also near Wilmington, has azaleas, camellias and flowering peach, cherry and apple trees surrounding the original white-painted, Gone-with-the-Wind style mansion, which has survived intact.

Airlie Gardens, which are privately owned but are open to the public in the blossom season, lie between Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach. Live oaks draped with Spanish Moss contrast with the brilliance of the blossoms.

There are many other gardens in the Carolinas that are at their finest in the spring, including the Azalea Gardens at Summerville which rival Charleston's Magnolia Gardens but are smaller in scale, Bell Island Gardens near Georgetown in which 5000 acres have been landscaped, and Brookgreen Gardens near Myrtle Beach, which are noted for their fine collection of sculptures.

Mobile, Alabama has Bell-Ingath Gardens where camellias bloom from September to April and azaleas from February to April.



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